MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No such general instructions have been issued by the Government. In respect of the tank-beds falling within the area commanded by the Kodayar Project it has been laid down in Rule 38 Clause (5) of the *Puduval* Rules that no such tank beds should be brought under registry unless such registry is certified to be unobjectionable by a P. W. D. officer not below the rank of an Executive Engineer and by the Dewan Peishkar of the Division after they have made a personal inspection in each case. Such registries have to be sanctioned by Government. There is no rule or order either in the case of Kodayar tank-beds or in the case of other tanks that the Director of Agriculture should be consulted in such matters.

Appointment of a Trade Commissioner.

216. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state how they have disposed of the recommendation made to them by the Economic Development Board for the appointment of a Trade Commissioner in London?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The matter is under consideration.

Nanjinad Paddy fields.

217. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any information that there is progressive decline in yield in the Nanjinad paddy fields owing to the rise in level of the sub-soil water?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Statistics are not available to ascertain whether there is progressive decline in the yield from the paddy lands in Nanjinad owing to the rise in level of sub-soil water.

Opening of new Liquor shops.

218. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): With reference to the opening of new liquor shops, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any new shop was opened anywhere in the State in 1104 or in 1105 (till 20-5-1105);

(*b*) whether they propose to open new shops in the course of the current year (1105); and

(*c*) whether there is a proposal to open one at Kulathur in the Neyyattinkara taluk?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*)

(*a*) Four toddy shops were newly opened in 1104 in the Todupuzha taluk.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) There is a proposal to shift one of the existing five toddy shops in the Vilappil pakuti to Kulathur in 1106-07 as the necessity for the same has been urged by the people of the locality.

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MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : With reference to the answer to part (c) of the question, may I know whether any counter-petition was received from the inhabitants of the same locality requesting the Government not to locate the shop at Kulathur?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have not got the information with me now. I claim notice of that question.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : It is stated in the answer to part (c) that " there is a proposal to shift one of the existing five toddy shops in the Vilappil pakuti to Kulathur in 1106-07 *as the necessity for the same has been urged by the people of the locality.*"

With reference to the clause 'as the necessity for the same has been urged by the people of the locality', I ask whether there was any counter-petition?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Excise Commissioner reported that there was a request for a shop there and so the question of shifting one of the shops was decided upon by the Government. I am not able to say definitely whether a counter-petition on the subject was received by the Government.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : Will the Government be pleased to enquire whether there was a counter-petition?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : And if there was such a petition, will they be pleased to see that the location of the shop is made only after ascertaining the wishes of the people?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : That can be done.

Trace from Araloomood to Perumpazhuthoor.

219. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*) : Are the Government aware that there is a trace running from Araloomood, 10th mile, M. S. Road to Perumpazhuthoor in the Neyyattinkara-Moolayikkonam road and that the need is largely felt by the public for widening the same so as to make it useful for cart traffic?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The answer is in the affirmative.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : May I know from the Government whether they propose to widen the road?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : One portion has been completed. Work in the second portion has already been started and after knowing the results of the working of the second section, Government will consider the question of widening the whole road.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : May I know the distance of the whole trace?

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